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RENOVATIONS AT CITY HALL ENTRANCE ANNOUNCED **MAIN ENTRANCE WILL BE CLOSED STARTING MONDAY**

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(September 7, 2011)--- (September 7, 2011) --- After many years of neglect and wear and tear, Hartford's Municipal Building is getting an historic facelift. Starting Monday, September 12, 2011 through November 4, 2011, the main entrance to City Hall will be closed and no traffic will be allowed through this entrance unless it is an emergency. There are three other entrances to City Hall--- Arch Street, Prospect Street, and on Burr Mall and signage will be strategically placed around the exterior of City Hall to allow visitors and residents quick access in and out of the building.

"Economic development is one of the primary goals of my administration. It is essential that Hartford be a historic and cultural choice destination, thus a respect for and commitment to invest in Hartford's architectural treasures like City Hall is fundamental. This magnificent building is more than the home of city government. It is utilized by our community for public functions, formal events, and many meetings. This is the 'people's building' and these renovations will provide critical public safety upgrades while simultaneously returning this gem to its former glory," said Mayor Pedro E. Segarra

"As the Chair of the Hartford Historic Properties Commission and a Hartford resident, I am very pleased that the City Hall restoration project is underway. City Hall is a significant historic building but just as important as the actual restoration, taking on this initiative speaks volumes to the commitment of Mayor Segarra and City leadership to demonstrate responsible stewardship of Hartford's historic assets," praised Greg Secord.

"The restoration of City Hall is recognition of the importance this architectural gem is to Hartford's history and everyday life. This building will always be the heartbeat of our City and Downtown Neighborhood, a service to all in Hartford and the soul of *One City, One Plan* for conservation and development," stated Sandra B. Bobowski of the Hartford Planning & Zoning Commission.

"Hartford's 1915 Municipal Building is a Beaux-Arts beauty in an enclave of Main Street landmark sites. Restoring and reinvigorating the front entrance plaza is a great step in preserving and revitalizing the Capital City's unique architectural heritage and neighborhood character," stated Tomas Neortas of the Hartford Preservation Alliance.

The repair work, which Mayor Segarra has pushed since taking office in June 2010, includes the removal and the replacement of the granite steps and the handrails, the addition of new lighting, and the improvement of the drainage system and the landscaping. Construction costs are expected to be about \$950,000; \$100,000 in municipal bonds was authorized in 2007 and \$850,000 was approved in 2008 as part of the city budget process.

